

Northside Green Zone Task Force

Meeting Notes

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2020 - 05:30 PM

Mill City Church Commons

Members : Michael Chaney, Markeeta Keyes, Lars Morris, Roxxanne O'Brien, Nancy Przymus, Princess Titus, Anita Urvina Davis, Vanessa Willis (Quorum - 10)

Guests: Marita Bujold, Kaleigh Swift, Georgianna Yantos

Staff : Kelly Muellman, Olayemi Fadahunsi

Call To Order

1. Vanessa Willis opened the meeting and invited everyone to introduce themselves.
2. There was no quorum to adopt the agenda. Vanessa reviewed the agenda and there were no amendments.
3. There was no quorum to accept minutes from [Dec 4, 2019](#).

Discussion

4. Recognition of 2019 Accomplishments: What did each working group accomplish? What was successful?

- Activities supported by \$40,000 one-time dollars:
 - Northside Climate Reality event on November 20, 2019:
 - Podcast from Climate Reality Event, Lars will send out for everyone to listen to it
 - Housing: A representative from Urban League and a relator were present at Climate Reality Event.
 - Direct funding for meeting resources and panel moderator
 - Northside Green Zone information table
 - Healthy Food Access: Northside plant-based food business promotion with Coco and Lala, including the successful and well attended Taste of Northside event.
 - Community Healing: Healing / Trauma Response kits were completed in partnership with Juxta and are awaiting distribution
 - Community Healing: Organized an Intergenerational Healing Circle event (planned for January 15, 2020)
 - Forthcoming video on Northern Green Zone activities with D.A. Bullock
- Spiro Academy committed to installing a \$65,000 HEPA filter at the school which was a result of Green Zone members work by attending meetings and providing information.
- Green Workforce: members developed concept for teen workforce initiative (Northside Safety N.E.T.) and worked with grad students from the U of M on research.
- A designee from the Task Force participated in the review of the Minneapolis Climate Action and Racial Equity Fund applications (both round 1 and round 2)
- Task Force developed recommendations for development projects in the Northern Green Zone
- Task Force developed a draft Work Plan of recommendations for the City of Minneapolis

5. 2020 Goals: What do we want to work towards in 2020? What do we need to be successful?

- Finalize Work Plan. Present Green Zone Work Plan to City Council.
- Engagement / Reach more community members:
 - 'Zine / publication / video. Use art, poetry, etc. as a way to report-out Task Force work and engage more people in an interactive way.
 - Social media presence
 - Door knocking
 - Attend existing community meetings, and get the work being done out to the public more.
 - Interactive tabling at community events. E.g., Have a demonstration for people to see the environmental impacts they face.
 - Have a Green Zone sponsored town hall forum to discuss ideas and thought and operationalization of projects. Invite representatives to attend Green Zone meetings to see what is being worked on.
- Land, Air and Water:
 - Need more people on the ground getting data on surveys to reach more people
 - Updates from Sierra Club on 252/I-94 expansion. Goal: Bus-only land on I-94.
 - Do something with G.A.F.
- Green Workforce:
 - Michael and Markeeta are working on new initiatives on workforce development and family tree. There has already been support from the City and other agencies and organizations. Also, developments on North Side Safety Net helping teens.
- Healthy Food Access:
 - Regenerative Food Web activity/event
 - Boulevard gardens
- Advance policy
- Invite speakers to meetings based on environmental issues identified in Work Plan.
- Make the Northside Green Zone a productive space. Sustained committee and/ or transition to a collaborative / coalition. Respected entity where people can come and express needs and get them answered. Something that makes the city accountable to the Green Zone.
- Finalize video made by D.A. / D.A should come in and interview members and add that to video.

6. Agenda topics and To-do's for February / March

- February 4, 2020:
 - Finalize Work Plan: each working group gets ~20 minutes to review their recommendations with the full group
 - Headwaters Food and Water Bill overview and regenerative food web activity (as time permits)
- March 3, 2020:
 - North/Northeast air study with Bottineau and UMN

7. 2020 Meeting Dates

Starting in February, we will be meeting the FIRST TUESDAY of the month. Next meeting is Tues, Feb 4, 2020 starting at 5:30 p.m. Please let staff know if this time will not work for you on a regular basis.

8. Announcements

[RSVP to Attend the Healing Circle on January 15, 2020](#)

The Intergenerational Healing Circle is sponsored by the Northern Green Zone, organized by Yolonde Adams Lee and facilitated by Dr. Bravada Akinsanya of the Brakins Consulting/African American Wellness Institute. The Healing Circle is a community round table that addresses the generational trauma that is so prominent in the African American community. Conversations on where we've been and suggestions on how to implement solutions that addresses generational concerns.

January 15, 2020

5:30PM-8:00PM

Location: University of Minnesota Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC)
2001 Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis, MN 55411

The first eight panel participants to RSVP in each age category (14-23, 24-39, 40+) will receive a \$25 stipend, so make sure to register early!

The event is free and dinner will be provided.

Please RSVP by Friday, January 10 at <https://tinyurl.com/syb6mmk>.

[Free radon test kits](#)

To raise awareness of radon this month, the City of Minneapolis is giving away 200 free radon test kits for residents. To get your free kit, go to the City of Minneapolis Development Review, 250 S. Fourth St., Room 300. Call ahead to make sure they are in stock: (612) 673-3000.

[Minneapolis Food Action Plan: Topic 5 Discussion - Food Waste Generation & Management](#)

Wednesday, January 8th, 2020 | 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Minneapolis Public Schools Davis Center Cafeteria, 1250 W Broadway Ave, Minneapolis

The focus of our Topic 5 Presentation and Discussion is Food Waste Generation & Management.

[RSVP](#) is encouraged, but not required.

[Apply by February 14th to lease a lot for your community or market garden](#)

Are you looking for a place to grow food with your community gardening group, or to grow food to sell as a market garden? Qualifying groups can apply to lease a City-owned lot through the Minneapolis Garden Lease Program.

[View more information including a map showing which lots are available, lease requirements and the Garden Request Form.](#)

[Upper Harbor Terminal meetings](#)

City's Collaborative Planning Committee meeting

Wednesday, January 8

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. (open to the public)

Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC) - please note the location change
2001 Plymouth Ave N

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting

Monday, January 13

5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Optional dinner

6 p.m. to 8 p.m. CAC meeting (dinner still available)

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Headquarters

2117 West River Road North, 55411

At the January CAC members will review the draft program model elements, review the site analysis, including the existing structures, and begin some design exercises. The public and families are invited to participate in both dinner and meeting.

Community Engagement Learning Table

Topic: Community Ownership Models

Wednesday, January 15

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Light meal provided)

Glover Sudduth Center - Urban League (please note the location change)

2100 Plymouth Ave N

[Please RSVP through Eventbrite](#)

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Park Design Workshop (open to all)

Thursday, January 16

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Light refreshments available)

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Headquarters

2117 West River Road North, 55411

The design team is gathering to work on concepts for the park. CAC and community members invited to drop by Thursday evening to share ideas and input, see the design work in progress, and talk and draw with the consulting team.

Adjournment

9. Adjourn meeting

Notice: A portion of this meeting may be closed to the public pursuant to MN Statutes Section 13D.03 or 13D.05

Next Northside Green Zone Task Force meeting Date: Tuesday, February 4, 2020

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